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CHEMIGATION APPLICATIONS

CHEMIGATION USER'S PERMIT

The Kansas Chemigation Safety Law (KCSL) requires registering all water points of diversion (i.e.: (1) wells; (2) the point where the longitudinal axis of the dam crosses the center line of the stream; or (3) the location of the headgate or intake, in the case of a direct diversion from a river, stream or other watercourse) that will be used in the chemigation process. Chemigation is the application of chemicals--pesticides or fertilizers, or blending effluent with fresh water--through an irrigation system. A Chemigation User's Permit must be obtained *before* chemigating.

The permit is valid for one year, expiring on December 31. Renewal materials are mailed annually in December.

CHEMIGATION EQUIPMENT OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

A Chemigation Equipment Operator (CEO) is an individual who has successfully completed the open book examination. The Kansas Chemigation Safety Law requires a Chemigation User's Permit not be issued to any person unless that person is a certified CEO, or has in his or her employ at least one certified CEO. No individual shall supervise more than ten operating chemigation units at one time.

The pesticide applicator training/certification program and the chemigation certification program are totally separate requirements. Being a certified pesticide applicator does not exempt a producer who plans to chemigate from the obligation to be certified as a Chemigation Equipment Operator. Similarly, the certification as a Chemigation Equipment Operator does not exempt a producer who plans to use "Restricted" pesticides from the need to complete a pesticide applicator training program.

The CEO certification is valid for five years, expiring December 31 of the fourth calendar year after the year of issue. Renewal materials are mailed in December of the year the certification expires.